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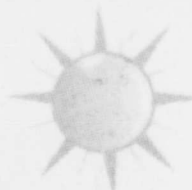
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GREG SMITH MUSTANG DAILY

About 150 Poly students show up at Downtown Brewing Co. on Wednesday nights to compete in the Downtown Beirut League, which started as a senior project.



The senior project of dreams

Jessica Ford
MUSTANG DAILY

Nine Beirut tables, countless amounts of white cups and flowing beer wouldn't remind most people of a senior project.

However, every Wednesday night Downtown Brewing Co. hosts the Downtown Beirut League (DTBL), a former senior project.

Cal Poly graduates Tyson Briner and Hayes Metzger worked with current business administration senior Steven Larsen last year to create the DTBL.

The league is made up of 72 two-player teams and is comprised mostly of Cal Poly students.

"The main objective of the Downtown Beirut League is to be able to provide an environment for students, really all people of legal drinking age, to come together and play the game of Beirut," Larsen said.

The teams play two games of Beirut at 9 p.m. every Wednesday on the upstairs level of Downtown Brew. For safety concerns, there is a two-hour gap between games.

"It's fun playing Beirut, anyway, so a bar with good beer makes it that much better," said Chris Tennant, a DTBL participant and construction management senior.

The regular season ended last week and all 72 teams began competing in double-elimination playoffs last night. A first loss in the playoffs sends a team down to the losers' bracket and a second loss leads to elimination.

Playoffs will continue on Nov. 26, 28, 29 and Dec. 1. The top three teams going into playoffs are The Brick House, Local Privilege and The Sharks.

The winning team will become "Lifetime Downtown Brew" members and only pay \$1 a pint for any Downtown Brewing Co. beer for the rest of their lives.

The league has multiple female teams competing this season. "None of the guys take us seriously because we are an all-girl team," said Jamie Antonioli, a DTBL participant and business administration senior. "Of course there are always a few drunk assholes, but for the most part it has been really fun. Some of the teams get too intense, but we are just there to have a good time."

The cost of joining the league is \$25 per player per season and each season runs for eight weeks. The cost includes a T-shirt, registration fees and all supplies needed for the Beirut games. All profits from the league go to Downtown Brew, see Beirut, page 2

PEPSI DOMINATES ON CAMPUS

Jessica Ford
MUSTANG DAILY

When on campus, Cal Poly faculty and students never hear the familiar "Always Coca-Cola" jingle. And they won't, at least not until the year 2009.

The university has a contract with PepsiCo Inc. to only sell their products until June 30, 2009.

Before the agreement, which began in 2004, Cal Poly carried Coca-Cola, Pepsi and other products on campus.

Now, Cal Poly only sells brands owned by PepsiCo Inc.; including Mountain Dew, Tropicana, Gatorade and Aquafina drinking water. Starbucks products, which are purchased through PepsiCo Inc., are also available on campus.

"Pepsi provides about \$180,000 per year and this money is used for scholarships, support of student programs, summer internships, marketing and capital needs on campus," said Bonnie Murphy, executive director of the Cal Poly Corporation.

Cal Poly goes through a three-

step process to determine which products will be available on campus. First, the university develops a set of specifications, then advertises for companies to bid on the contract, and makes a choice after evaluating the bids, Murphy said.

Before the Pepsi contract expires in 2009, Coca-Cola and other companies will have the chance to re-bid on the contract.

The current Pepsi supremacy at Cal Poly even runs into on-campus events. When the student-run marketing firm New Wave Promotions held an event Nov. 6 to introduce the 2008 Honda Accord Coupe, the group was only allowed to pass out Aquafina water bottles to students, said Lauren Elliott, a member of the firm's events team. The firm is made up of 22 Cal Poly business seniors.

"We were initially planning on purchasing Costco water bottles. However, when we learned of this policy, we were in a time crunch and had to buy Aquafina products directly from campus, rather than trying to get them donated. It ended up being one of our biggest expenses," Elliott

said.

According to the Cal Poly campus food services policy (dated March 23, 2005), "The University recognizes the role of food in the activities of campus departments and students organizations. In an effort to support campus department and student organizations and to ensure the safety of food provided on campus, campus organizations shall adhere to 'Event Rules.'"

One rule includes that food and drinks provided at on-campus events must be purchased from Campus Dining or Campus Catering, and because of Cal Poly's exclusive contract with PepsiCo Inc., all drinks provided at these events must be Pepsi products.

The campus food policy directly states that under the Pepsi contract, "non-Pepsi products are generally not authorized to be given away or sold on campus. This exclusivity precludes sampling, promotions for, and distribution of non-Pepsi soft drinks, sport drinks, juice or juice-based products, ready-to-drink coffee, wa-

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Poly allows information restrictions

Coral Snyder
MUSTANG DAILY

Two weeks ago the Office of Academic Records sent an e-mail informing students of their privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Cal Poly reserves the right to release personal student directory information unless students request a privacy restriction electronically through the university student information system.

FERPA provides students with the ability to have some control over disclosure of their personal information as well as the right to view their own education records and the right to seek amendment of those records.

"Cal Poly and its auxiliaries do not sell or provide student information to organizations or companies that do not have a legitimate need to know," said Patricia Warnick-

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UC to separate Asian ethnicities in applications

Christina Brown
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

LOS ANGELES — At the "Out of the Margins" conference on Friday, speakers described the story of a California-born Pakistani girl who was pulled out of her classes and placed in English as a second language, even though she had the highest grade in her honors English class.

The panelists also discussed legislative staff in Sacramento who did not have data on teen pregnancy rates among Asian Americans because they "didn't think Asian kids got pregnant."

Stories of misconceptions and many more like these were discussed at the conference. Professors, graduate students and student leaders spoke about the problems Asians and Pacific Islanders face in the educational system and the misconception that all Asians are performing well in school.

Professors from throughout the University of California system were present, along with Chancellor Gene Block and professors from other universities.

Judy Sakaki, UC vice president of student affairs, also announced at the conference that, starting in 2008, the UC system will begin disaggregating the data for Asian and Pacific Islander applicants, so students can choose a more specific category for their ethnicity.

The new application will include 23 categories total — three times the options available now — and will split Pacific Islander completely from Asian American.

This change is a direct result of the Count Me In! campaign created by UCLA's Asian Pacific Coalition, Sakaki said.

Started last spring and spreading to other UC campuses over the summer, the campaign aimed to disaggregate the data collected for Asians and Pacific Islanders because, though Asians are performing similar to whites in terms of higher education, many subgroups, such as Hmong and Khmer, are performing much lower.

Candice Shikai, director of the Asian Pacific Coalition and a speaker at the conference, said she was thrilled the campaign was so successful and hopes the data collected can be used to benefit struggling communities by helping to provide funding for educational assistance programs.

"There is a myth that all (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders) are doing well, and without official informa-

tion from the UC it is hard to get funding," Shikai said.

The Asian Pacific Coalition, 21 different Asian and Pacific Islander student organizations at UCLA, worked to collect 4,000 postcards from people supporting disaggregation of Asian and Pacific Islander data, which will show how certain ethnicities are actually performing.

Only 30 percent of Cambodians in the United States have a high school diploma, and Hmongs, as well as Pacific Islanders, do not fare all that much better, according to the Asian Pacific Legal Center.

Native Guamanian Christine Santos, a co-chairwoman of the Pacific Islands Student Association, said she was upset when applying to the UC system because Pacific Islander was listed under "other Asian."

"But we aren't even Asian," she said. "We are not being heard in the higher education system. They don't even know our identity."

Santos helped found Count Me In! and said she was thrilled that some of its goals were met so quickly.

"People think students don't have power, but we do," she said. "We can affect policy."

There were also community members and policy-makers at the conference, including state Assemblyman Mike Eng, D-San Gabriel, who spoke about the ignorance in Sacramento on Asian and Pacific Islander issues.

Eng said the data simply has not been collected for Asian and Pacific Islanders regarding imprisonment,

obesity, health care, gangs and pregnancy, and he asked that the faculty present at the conference do research in these areas.

"I want to know," Eng said. "I need more information, so I can be a more effective legislator."

Many speakers also discussed how Americans tend to think of Asians as an academically homogenous group, when actually they have the widest distribution of SAT scores of any minority group, said Rob Teranishi, an assistant professor of education at New York University.

"Current data and research is limited," he said. "Asian Americans are largely missing from the discourse on education policy and are in the shadows of America's commitment to equality and social justice."

After the conference, several speakers said they hoped progress could come out of having this dialogue.

"The conference was the first time such a large group of people came together to discuss these issues," Santos said. "But we still have a lot of work to do from here."

There is a myth that all (Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders) are doing well.

— Candice Shikai
Director of the Asian Pacific Coalition

FERPA

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Wait, Director of the Office of Academic Records. "And vendors that Cal Poly contracts out with are required to sign a confidentiality agreement."

Warnick-Wait said the agreement includes a statement that vendors must sign that says they will not sell the student information or use it for any other purpose than originally intended.

According to the Office of Academic Records there are two different restrictions that students can place on their personal information.

Directory information restriction includes restricting name, local address, local telephone listing, e-mail address, birthplace, major, dates of attendance, degrees and awards that were received through the university, a photograph if applicable, weight and height of individuals on athletic teams, most recent educational institution at-

tended prior to Cal Poly and participation in recognized activities or sports.

Locator information is only a portion of directory information and includes name, local address, telephone number and e-mail address.

The default setting for Cal Poly students is unprotected. Should students wish to restrict their privacy, they are responsible for changing the setting on their personal information tab at <http://my.calpoly.edu>.

"I think it should be the other way around where you have to check a box if you want to release your information," said biology freshman Katherine White.

There are disadvantages to students who choose to place privacy restrictions on their personal information; students will not be included in the Cal Poly on-line directory or the ASI student directory, and will not receive mailings from clubs or the Alumni Association.

Additionally, students with di-

rectory information restrictions block Cal Poly from verifying any data without the signature of the student. This includes blocking Cal Poly from verifying attendance and degree dates at the university to prospective employers.

"I think it should be different because I want the security that I have records here and won't have trouble in the future without having to release my personal information in general," said biology freshman Emily Smith.

Exceptions for releasing personal information (even with a privacy restriction) are in health and safety emergencies, with a subpoena, search warrant and Ex Parte Order or to another educational institution in which the student wishes to enroll or is presently enrolled.

"Students who want some protection would be well served to protect their locator information," Warnick-Wait said.

Individuals with questions regarding their privacy rights are encouraged to contact the Office of Academic Records at 756-2531.



RYAN POLEI MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly can only sell Pepsi-brand beverages under its current contract until June 30, 2009.

Pepsi

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ter and ready-to-drink tea."

These rules and regulations

help create standards on campus for food service "in order to ensure the safety and consistency of the products provided and service of those products," according to Cal Poly food services policy.

Beirut

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Larsen said.

When the league was created last year, there were only 32 teams and four Beirut tables. This fall, more than 80 teams signed up within 18 hours of the start of online registration, Larsen said.

The DTBL has official rules and regulations that players must follow. Some of the rules include specifics on air balls, bounces, re-racks and rebuts.

Referees keep score and have the final say in any disputes teams may have.

Players are not required to play

Beirut with beer; they always have the option of playing with non-alcoholic beverages.

"You don't have to use beer, you can really use anything," Larsen said. "We have had girls use soda before ... They didn't want to drink that night."

Briner, Metzger and Larsen were able to work the DTBL into a senior project by creating a detailed business plan and through the use of the Software as a Service (SaaS) business model. The league follows the SaaS model by running itself from the Web site slobeirut.com.

Larsen said there are many participants that take the league very seriously and consider Beirut a professional sport.



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State

FRESNO (AP) — The nation's largest car companies on Monday sought to persuade a federal judge to toss out California's strict tailpipe emissions standards, which they say could wreck the domestic auto market and prompt job losses at auto plants nationwide.

The standards, which were passed into law in 2002, force automakers to build new cars and trucks that pump out 30 percent less greenhouse gases by 2016 or take other alternative steps to lower their pollution.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco shoppers will have one less choice in the checkout line as the city prepares to put its plastic bag ban into effect.

A city ordinance passed in March and set to go into effect Tuesday forbids the use of traditional plastic bags by large grocery stores.

The stores can still use biodegradable plastic bags, typically made from corn byproducts.

Officials say the estimated 180 million plastic bags handed out in the city each year cause litter, hurt wildlife and often end up in a massive patch of swirling plastic junk in the middle of the Pacific.

The ban also requires pharmacy chains to eliminate similar plastic bags within six months.

National

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — The 80-year-old leader of a suburban Atlanta megachurch is at the center of a sex scandal of biblical dimensions: He slept with his brother's wife and fathered a child by her.

Members of Archbishop Earl Paulk's family stood at the pulpit of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Chapel Hill Harvester Church a few Sundays ago and revealed the secret exposed by a recent court-ordered paternity test.

In truth, this is not the first — or even the second — sex scandal to engulf Paulk and the independent, charismatic church.

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MORRISVILLE, N.C. (AP) — U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters proposed new rules Monday to improve the safety of school bus seats and expand the use of shoulder belts, but she declined to order that all new buses include seat belts.

Peters rode a packed school bus to Morrisville Elementary School, among the first schools in the country to equip some of its new buses with seat belts, then said she wants to increase the height of seat backs on all school buses from 20 inches to 24 inches to help protect children during accidents.

Peters also proposed a new requirement for short school buses to begin using shoulder straps.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi soldiers detained two American security guards along with several other foreigners traveling in a private security convoy after they opened fire Monday in Baghdad, wounding one woman, an Iraqi military spokesman said.

U.S. military and embassy officials had no immediate information about the report, which follows a series of recent shootings in which foreign security guards have allegedly killed Iraqis. Last month, the Iraqi Cabinet sent parliament a bill to lift immunity for foreign private security companies that has been in effect since the U.S. occupation began in 2003.

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The presidents of Venezuela and Iran boasted Monday that they will defeat U.S. imperialism together, saying the fall of the dollar is a prelude to the end of Washington's global dominance.

Hugo Chavez's visit to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran followed a failed weekend attempt by the firebrand duo to push the Organization of Petroleum Exporting States away from trading in the slumping greenback.

Their proposal at an OPEC summit was overruled by other cartel members led by Saudi Arabia, a strong U.S. ally.

Bush gives thanks at first Thanksgiving site

Ben Feller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A reflective President Bush on Monday honored acts of everyday decency and supreme sacrifice, and called on Americans to give back to their communities.

In his first speech dedicated to Thanksgiving, Bush said the holiday is a time to hail those who serve causes larger than themselves. He cited police, firefighters, teachers and religious leaders as examples.

"Our nation's greatest strength is the decency and compassion of our people," Bush told hundreds gathered in an open-air tent at a plantation that stakes a claim to the first Thanksgiving. "As we count our many blessings, I encourage all Americans to show their thanks by giving back."

Presidents tend to honor Thanksgiving with routine proclamations, radio addresses that always sound the same, and pardons for a couple of lucky turkeys. Bush elevated it a bit on Monday.

First he stopped by a Richmond, Va., food bank, a former tobacco warehouse that has been converted into a highly organized distribution center that sends millions of pounds of groceries to needy families each year. The visit to the Central Virginia Foodbank underscored a quiet problem — 35 million people in this country went hungry in 2006.

Bush walked by stacks of peanut butter, green beans and soup, then

loaded a few crates of oranges, potatoes and macaroni and cheese onto a rolling cart. "C'mon man, let's go," he cheerfully told Mike Hennigan, a local pastor, as the two worked together.

Later, he delivered remarks on the nation's giving spirit at Berkeley Plantation, in a tent overlooking the James River.

Never in his presidency has he devoted a whole speech to the holiday, let alone several hours of choreographed travel. The events allow Bush, in a very public way, to thank people who made an impression on him for acts of compassion. Aides say it is part of the job he truly enjoys and that Bush wanted to pay tribute to them.

The soft theme of the day's events also aim to put Bush in a positive light at a time when the country is in a disapproving mood, soured by war and Washington politics.

Berkeley Plantation says it is the site of America's first official Thanksgiving in 1619, when a group of British settlers knelt in prayer of thanks for a healthy arrival across the Atlantic. Their proclamation of thanks is carved into the "Thanksgiving Shrine" that Bush visited.

Of course, Plymouth, Mass., is best known as the home of Thanksgiving, as the place where Pilgrims and Indians celebrated the autumn harvest with a feast in 1621.

Bush took care not to explicitly take sides in that debate, though his hosts seemed to view his presence as all but an endorsement.

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FBI reports hate crimes were up nearly 8 percent in 2006

Michael J. Sniffen

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Hate crime incidents rose nearly 8 percent last year — more than half motivated by racial prejudice, the FBI reported Monday, as civil rights advocates increasingly take to the streets to protest what they call official indifference to intimidation and attacks against blacks and other minorities.

Police across the nation reported 7,722 criminal incidents in 2006 targeting victims or property as a result of bias against a race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic or national origin or physical or mental disability. That was up 7.8 percent from 7,163 incidents reported in 2005.

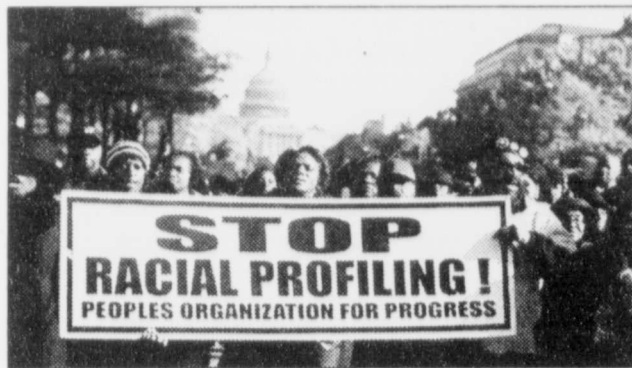
Although the noose incidents and beatings among students at the Jena, La., high school occurred in the last half of 2006, they were not included in the report. Only 12,600 of the nation's more than 17,000 local, county, state and federal police agencies participated in the hate crime reporting program in 2006 and neither Jena nor LaSalle Parish, in which the town is located, were among the agencies reporting.

Nevertheless, the Jena incidents, and a subsequent rash of noose and other racial incidents around the country, have spawned civil rights

demonstrations that culminated last week at Justice Department headquarters here. The department said it investigated the Jena incident but decided not to prosecute because the federal government does not typically bring hate crime charges against juveniles.

Organizers said 100 busloads of protesters joined Friday's march here. In September, an estimated 20,000 protesters marched through Jena. On Nov. 3, hundreds of protesters marched through downtown Charleston, W. Va., to urge prosecutors to add hate crime charges against six white people charged in the beating, torture and sexual assault of a 20-year-old black woman who was discovered Sept. 8 after several days of alleged captivity in a rural trailer.

The Jena case began in August 2006 after a black student sat under a tree known as a gathering spot for white students. Three white students later hung nooses from the tree. They were sus-



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Thousands of people march around the Justice Department during the "March Against Hate Crimes" to protest hate crime issues.

second-degree assault, but civil rights protesters have complained that no charges were filed against the white students who hung the nooses.

"The FBI report confirms what we have been saying for many months about the severe increase in hate crimes," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, who organized Friday's march. "What is not reported, however, is the lack of prosecution and serious investigation by the Justice Department to counter this increase in hate crimes." Sharpton called for Attorney General Michael Mukasey to meet with members of the Con-

gressional Black Caucus and civil rights leaders to discuss this enforcement.

Justice Department spokesman Brian Roehrke noted that Mukasey praised the civil rights movement at his confirmation hearings and plans over the next several months to meet "with a number of groups and individuals who have an interest in or concerns about the work" of the department. Roehrke also noted that federal prosecutors convicted a record 189 defendants of civil rights violations in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

The Justice Department says it is actively investigating a number of noose incidents at schools, workplaces and neighborhoods around the country. It says "a noose is a powerful symbol of hate and racially motivated violence" recalling the days of lynchings of blacks and that it can constitute a federal civil rights offense under some circumstances.

The FBI report does not break out the number of noose incidents but the two most frequent hate crimes in 2006 were property damage or vandalism, at 2,911 offenses, and intimidation, at 2,046 offenses. There were 3 murders, 6 rapes, 860 aggravated assaults, 1,447 simple assaults and 41 arsons. Other offenses included robbery, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

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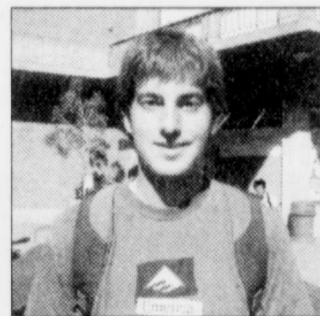
"What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?"

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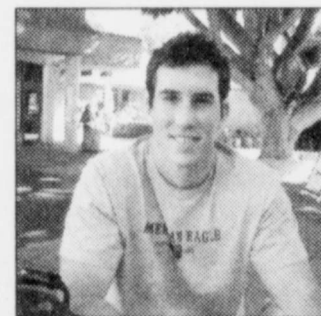
"Dressing up as (American) Indians and pilgrims with my family."

— Liz Mason,
biomedical engineering
sophomore



"Hanging out with my family."

— Andrew McEachron,
history junior



"Turkey and seeing friends and family."

— Eric Watson,
aerospace engineering
freshman



"I like all the food and just being able to eat as much as you want and seeing friends and family."

— Ashley Brosseau,
animal science
freshman

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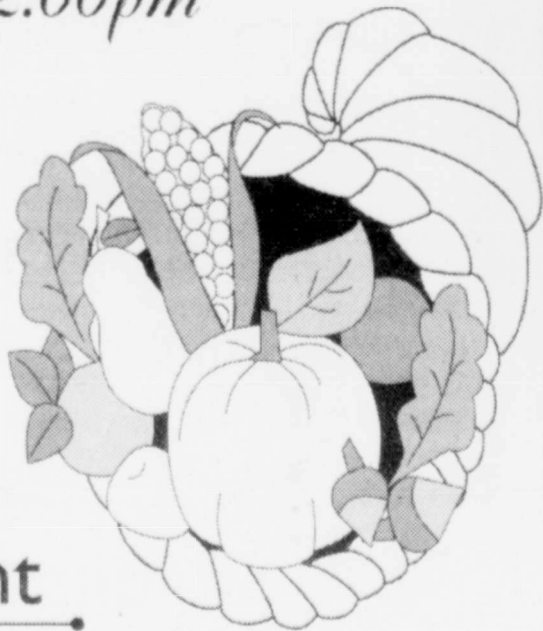
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'Evita' comes to SLO

Cristina Albers
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly will serve as a national tour stop for the dramatic Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Evita," at 7 p.m. Friday in the Performing Arts Center.

The winner of seven Tony awards, "Evita" brings to life the dynamic personas of the characters in a visually stimulating and ear-pleasing way.

This epic story is told in the style of a pop opera, with a rich influence of Latin and jazz music in the score, and it features one of Broadway's most dynamic anthems, "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina."

An event such as this coming to Cal Poly serves as a real treat, giving the county the ability to see Broadway without leaving San Luis Obispo.

Michael Donovan, an English sophomore, already bought his tickets and is ready to go.

"My parents always took me to shows when I was a kid, and now I'm addicted," he said. "I want to see them all. For something like 'Evita' to come on tour here in our little city is pretty amazing."

When "Evita" opened on Broadway in 1979, it set records for the largest box office advance and swept all the theater awards that year.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's critically acclaimed musical "Evita" will be showing at the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Friday.

Depending on the generation, some remember this Broadway "Evita" from 1979 and some remember when Alan Parker's critically acclaimed film adaptation, starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas, hit the screen in 1996. The film received five Oscar nominations and won three Golden Globes.

Cal Poly Arts will present this center-stage event just in time for the holidays in hopes that it stirs a lot of interest and is successful.

Lucy Rennel, a business administration senior, grew up loving the movie and is excited that "Evita" is coming to campus.

"It's hard to find the time to go to a real show in San Francisco or, for the matter, New York, so I'm happy 'Evita' is coming to us. It's a real

production with real actors coming to Cal Poly, and I wouldn't miss it," Rennel said.

Tickets are on sale for \$45 and \$60 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

To order, call 756-2787 or go online to www.pac-slo.org.

'Idol' influence far-reaching

Nora Choueiri

CORNELL DAILY SUN (CORNELL U.)

I've never been much of an "American Idol" fan. I've always thought of it as just another dumb reality show — and besides, something about Ryan Seacrest and that golden-boy, bleached-white-smile look of his creeps me out. Point being, I've never watched a full episode since it first aired five years ago.

How, then, did I get addicted to a very similar show on Arab television? Back home in New York City, my dad called me over to show me a program he had recorded; I guessed that it was probably an interview with a politician. Instead, it turned out to be the first episode of a new show called "Star Academy" on the Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation.

What is "Star Academy"? An adaptation of the French show by the same name; think "American Idol" plus "The Real World." Though the show takes place over a period of four months in Lebanon, the 16 contestants come from all over the Arab world. These contestants are all young and hot Arab youth who live together in an "academy" where they attend singing, acting, vocalizing and theater classes, all in preparation for the "prime" or performance aired live on Friday nights. Each week, three candidates are nominated to leave the "academy" and the audience votes through phone calls and text messages to save their favorite candidate from being kicked off the show.

Suffice it to say, I suddenly found myself hooked. Not only did I watch the daily half-hour show (which was essentially just watching the contestants live their lives and go to their different classes) and the "prime" every Friday night, but I was enraged when I found out that there was actually a Star Academy Channel where you could watch them 24/7, and that our satellite couldn't pick it up. (I am completely serious — 24/7.) It seemed like the entire Arab world was obsessed with this Western export; crowds gathered outside the academy just to catch a glimpse of the stars from the windows, fans sent them presents — everything ranging from flowers and stuffed animals to watches and laptops — and the contestants immediately became household names. Quite simply, "Star Academy" swept the region. But why?

First you have to understand that "Star Academy" is unlike anything before it. A reality show starring hip, young Arabs who can sing, dance and play instruments? Unheard of. In the beginning, my friends and I got a kick out of making fun of the show — laughing at the unsynchronized dancers, complaining about the technical difficulties and the horrible camera angles, and criticizing the rudeness of the host. We were particularly critical because we were comparing this show to the many American reality shows aired daily. We failed to realize that the United States has been airing reality TV for ages, while this was one of the Middle East's first major endeavors. So how did I grow to love — or rather to become obsessed with ("Sorry Becca, I don't think I'm going to be able to make your birthday because 'Star Academy' is on") the show?

Aside from the fact that "Star Academy" really has improved over the years and is extremely entertaining, it serves a more important purpose. I love "Star Academy" because it is breaking down some important barriers. Critics may argue that this show is a way of spreading the worst of Western culture to the rest of the world. While I agree that it is spreading Western culture, at the moment, I don't see this as bad — in fact, I see this

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Daniel Gilbert's 'Stumbling on Happiness' explores our elusive pursuit of contentment

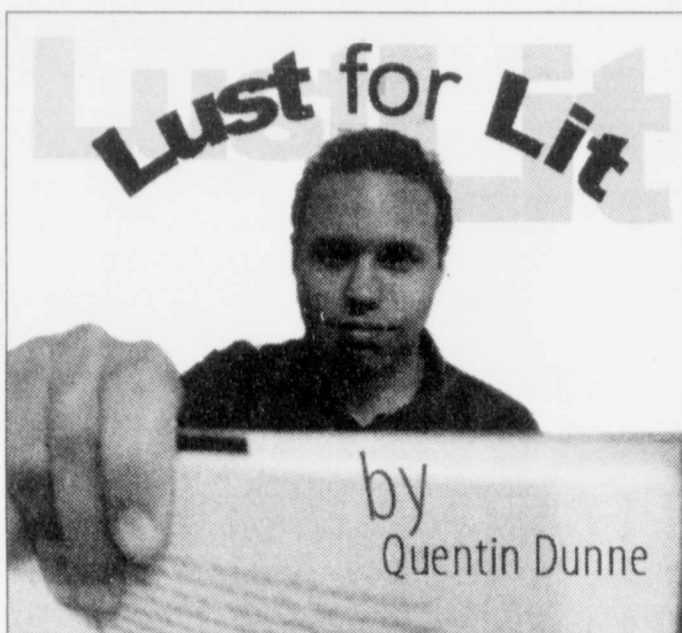
If I were to tell you a psychologist had written a best-seller called "Stumbling on Happiness," you would likely think it's a "how-to" book of sorts, a guide offering anecdotes and advice on the whys and ways of happiness. You would, however, be wrong. And that, in a way, is precisely the point of Daniel Gilbert's book, as well as an illustration of just how it is otherwise bright and capable people who often reach for happiness only to have it elude them.

But if the book is not about finding happiness, what is it about?

Before answering, let's take a look at some of the questions posed on the dust jacket to get an idea of what the book will explore as it confronts the existential problem of stumbling on happiness: "Why are lovers quicker to forgive their partners for infidelity than for dirty dishes in the sink? Why will sighted people pay more to avoid going blind than blind people will pay to regain their sight? Why do dining companions insist on ordering different meals instead of getting what they really want?"

In addition to being a Harvard psychologist, Gilbert is a journalist and short story writer, whose last two occupations are not incidental to the book's appeal. Although the book contains a fair amount of empirical research, his prose is consistently fluid, witty and lively.

Cases in point: "My friends tell me that I have a tendency to point out problems without offering solutions, but they never tell me what



I should do about it." Or, "Like most people, you don't want to know you're like most people."

Gilbert writes with an engaging voice that made me wish other writers of psychology books shared his gift for being simultaneously insightful, informative and playful.

Oh yes, back to the beginning. While this is not a book on how to be happier, I

have seen it lazily shelved in the "Self Improvement" section of a number of bookstores. (To be fair, there aren't many "Self Understanding" sections, where it would be more appropriately at home.) So if a reader picked it up looking for simple answers on how to achieve happiness, he would, of course, be disappointed. Because, as Gilbert expertly illustrates time and again, it is the gap between what we anticipate and what reality presents us with that leads us to stumble on happiness.

As he impishly notes early on, "No one can say how you will feel when you get to the end of this book, and that includes the you who is about to start it. But if your future self is not satisfied when it arrives at the last page, it will at least understand why you mistakenly thought it would be."

He does, however, have *one* idea on what would help people increase their happiness, and it is a unique one. As for what it is, though, I will allow you to discover that for yourself.

Quentin Dunne is a psychology graduate student and Mustang Daily book reviewer.



COURTESY PHOTO

Iraq's Shada Hassoon (second from the right) was this year's winner of the Lebanon-based reality show "Star Academy."

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as extremely beneficial. When the show first launched, a great amount of controversy was raised over the fact that men and women were living in the same house.

Though I compared it to "The Real World," it is only truly because the contestants are all living under the same roof. In "Star Academy," men and women sleep in separate rooms, and to put it mildly, their behavior is much more conservative than that of "The Real World" characters. Soon enough, however, people got over this initial shock, and as the show has progressed, more and more things have become accepted.

The show has begun to play up romances within the house (innocent crushes, really, but juicy nevertheless) and this past season, three of the contestants made it known from the very first episode that they had boyfriends or girlfriends back home. Arab kids announcing to the world that they were dating — what's going on?!

The show also brought up the issue of religion. Christian and Muslim Arabs found themselves learning about each other's religions and celebrating Christmas and Ramadan together. Also in the fourth season, Shoroq Ahmed of Bahrain became the first female contestant in the show's history from the Gulf Region, and after four years, Shada Hassoon, a 25-year-old Iraqi, became the first woman to win "Star Academy."


To us, as Americans, this does not seem like a big deal. "Haven't you watched 'The Real World'?" People have sex — on national TV!" But

we are not talking about the United States; we are talking about the Arab world. Though the show is based out of Lebanon, by far the most liberal country in the Arab world, the show's audience lives throughout the Middle East, where, for example, women's rights are seriously lacking.

It may seem silly to say this about a reality TV show, but "Star Academy" is slowly modernizing the Arab world. The show has pushed its audience to the edge by introducing them to new and uncomfortable situations. When the show launched and the executives at LBC showed that they were not going to conform to the demands of others by shutting it down, the criticisms quickly died away, surpassed by its tremendous and ever-growing popularity.

I am afraid to think of what would have happened had the LBC made the show more conservative, or even worse, canceled it — what kind of a message would that have sent to the people of the Arab world? Luckily, this is only a hypothetical situation; the success of "Star Academy" has created other shows like "Superstar" ("American Idol") and "Mission Fashion" ("Project Runway"). In fact, MTV is launching MTV Arabia Nov. 17 with Arabic versions of "Punk'd" and "Pimp My Ride" — I'll have to check it out myself before judging.

The next season of "Star Academy" is starting next month, and I can't wait! Why this obsession? Why focus an entire column on a reality show? Because recently, one little TV show has created more of a positive change in the Middle East than the world's leading politicians and diplomats have.


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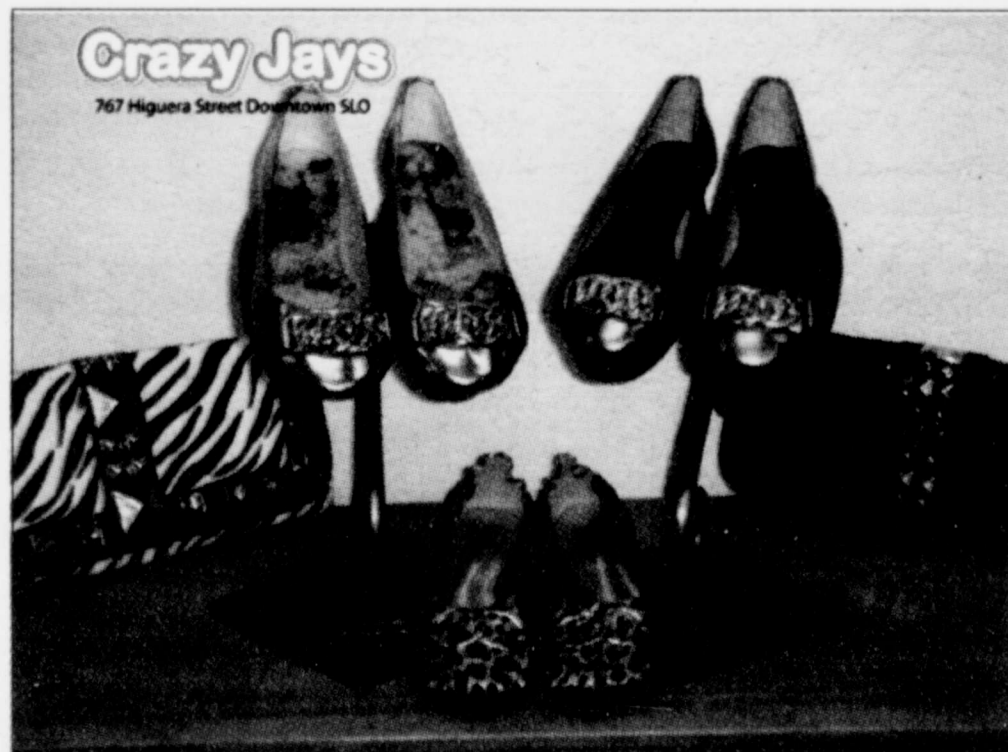
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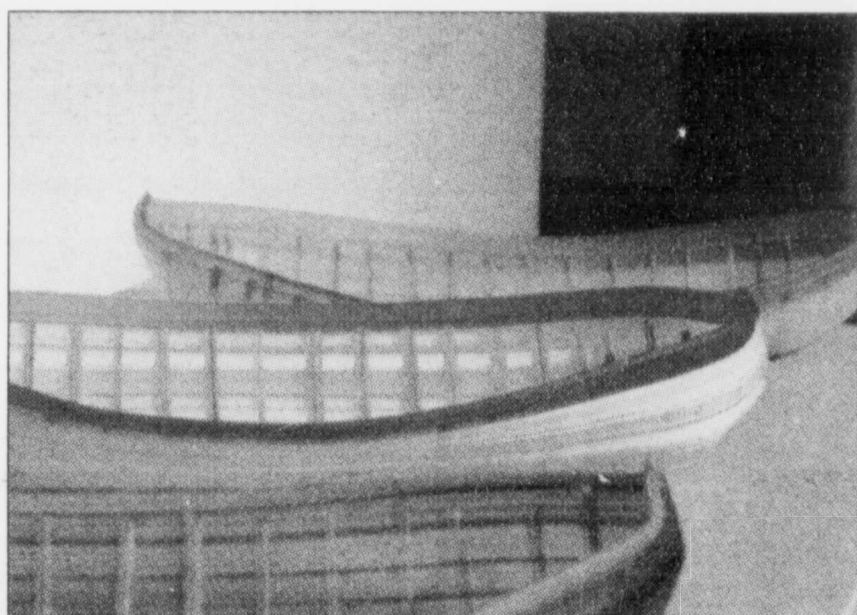
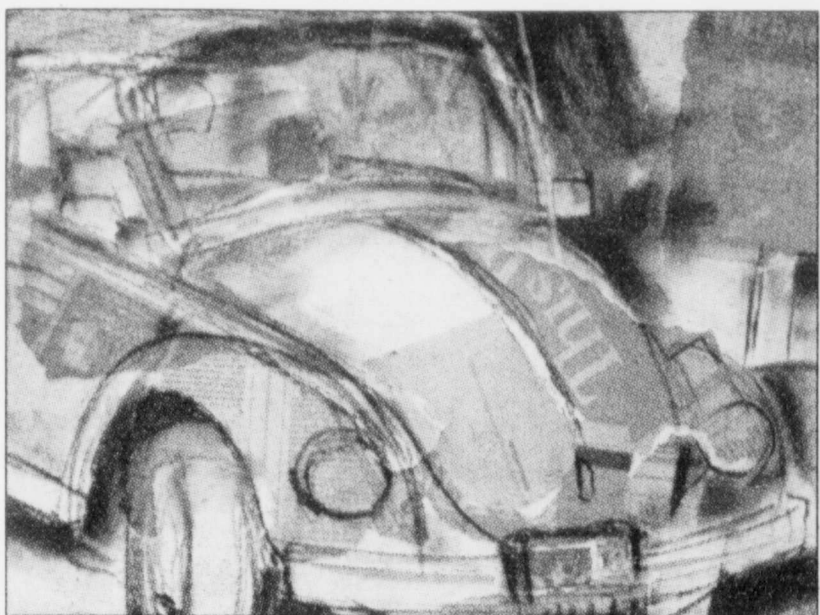
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BRYAN BEILKE MUSTANG DAILY

Local artists showcase various pieces, including a collage, ribbon cane-glass canoes and "recycled junk" jewelry. The exhibit, "Designed to be Different," is showing until Jan. 13, 2008.

A display different by design

Sara Wright
MUSTANG DAILY

A diverse selection of artwork, from porcelain and ceramic sculptures to drawings to glass pieces by talented local artists is now on display at the San Luis Obispo Art Center and will be there until Jan. 13, 2008.

"We're delighted to have these 14 artists represent the art of fine crafts," said Karen Kyle, the center's executive director.

The featured artists are all local, and some are nationally or internationally regarded.

At the entrance of the exhibit

is a breathtaking ceramic piece by Guyla Amyx. The work, titled "Does Balance Bring Wisdom?" includes a raven perched on the head of a figure amidst dull orange flames.

Also near the front of the exhibit is Marcia Kocka's featured work, which includes an abstract sculpture of busy black and white zigzag patterns titled "Caffeine High."

Hung on the wall are three brightly colored pieces of mosaic tile — one with a mirror in the center and two expressing religious meaning through crosses — by Susanne Baca, who has worked with santo for years.

Donald Frith created two medium-size glass pieces of deep purples and blues that resemble teapots, titled "Teapot #706" and "Teapot #709." The dainty crafts have solid glass handles and well-blended color that indicate their high quality.

Next to the teapots is an elaborate and impressive piece by Xandra Shaw called "Hints of Asia," which includes beautiful and colorful flowers, and shapes made of fiber, paper and beads that stretch several feet down the wall.

Two ceramic wavelike sculptures, titled "Overture" and "XTRx3," are displayed in the center of the room on stands. The creator of the

ridged works is William Shinn, an internationally recognized artist.

In his San Francisco studio, Alexander Abajian made small ribbon cane-glass canoes and emphasized that art takes them "where the currents may take them."

Priscilla Beadle fashioned three fantastic pieces of jewelry hung side by side that were made from a variety of materials, including turquoise and silver, clay and "recycled junk."

In glass cases are two delicate paper bowl-shaped creations by Beryl Reichenberg that impart a peaceful, natural air with their woven detail.

"Delphiniums and Daisies" by

Jackie Bradley is hung in the far corner attracting attention with its subtle color and great detail in the flowers.

Sandra Key Johnson has two of her pieces featured in the exhibit, including "Reflections," a framed work of dyes on a silk collage, and "Home Sweet Home Trombone," a whimsical structure including a potted plant with the branches woven about a trombone.

"It's great to have her work here; it's been so long," Kyle said about Johnson's work. "Her pieces are so whimsical and yet so fine."

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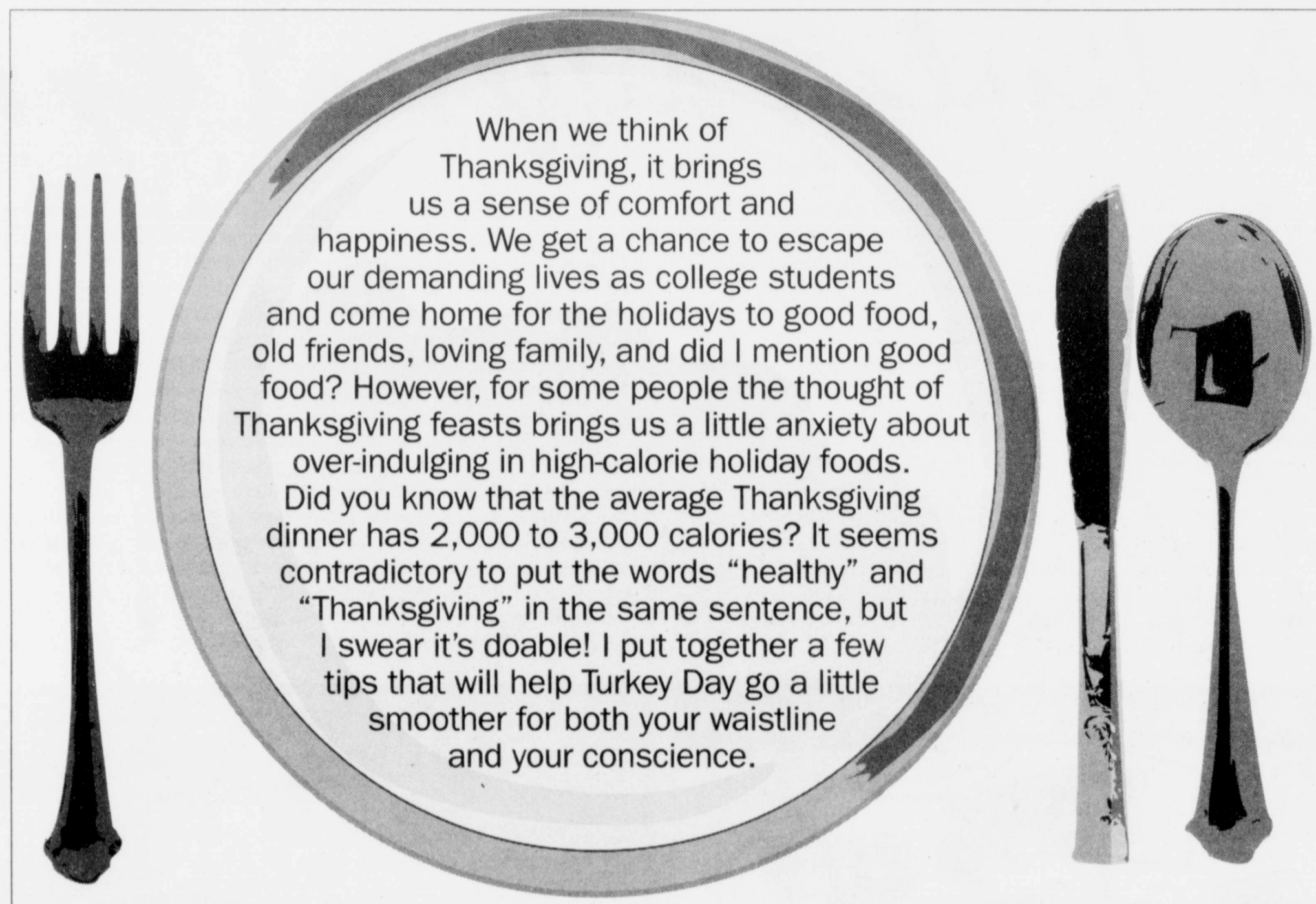
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Guilt-free Thanksgiving



When we think of Thanksgiving, it brings us a sense of comfort and happiness. We get a chance to escape our demanding lives as college students and come home for the holidays to good food, old friends, loving family, and did I mention good food? However, for some people the thought of Thanksgiving feasts brings us a little anxiety about over-indulging in high-calorie holiday foods. Did you know that the average Thanksgiving dinner has 2,000 to 3,000 calories? It seems contradictory to put the words "healthy" and "Thanksgiving" in the same sentence, but I swear it's doable! I put together a few tips that will help Turkey Day go a little smoother for both your waistline and your conscience.

LAUREN RABAINO MUSTANG DAILY

Don't go hungry

Remember not to starve yourself beforehand, because you will most likely eat more and faster if you're super-hungry. This means don't skip breakfast and fill up with whole-grain crackers, fruit and raw vegetables if hunger pangs strike before the big feast. Don't skip any meals and have a light lunch on Thanksgiving. This will help to stop you from stuffing yourself on high-calorie foods when dinner is served.

White is light

Turkey has very little fat, is full of protein and is an important source of B vitamins. Your best bet is white meat, but be sure to remove the skin first. A three-ounce serving of skinless turkey breast has about 25 grams of protein, 120 calories and 1 gram of fat. Dark meat is higher in calories, fat and saturated fat.

Dressing, not stuffing

Do not cook stuffing inside the turkey, because it may not get cooked enough to avoid food-borne illnesses. Thanksgiving Day has the highest rate of food poisoning than any other day of the year. Also, stuffing draws moisture and fat from the turkey, making the meat drier and the stuffing higher in calories.

Baked is better

Sweet potatoes are a rich source of beta-carotene, vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E, potassium and fiber. Try to leave out the butter and excess sugar. Instead try orange juice and a sprinkling of brown sugar for flavor. Baked sweet potatoes are lower in calories and fat than buttery mashed potatoes or candied yams.

Check your PULSE

by Sarah Bailey



Cold killer

Cranberries are a great source of vitamin C, and contain compounds that block certain bacteria that cause infections. Cranberries are packed with dozens of different antioxidants. If you make your own cranberry sauce from whole berries, you'll get a tastier and less sugary sauce than you can get out of a can. Add oranges to make cranberry-orange sauce and you add even more vitamin C. Spoon cranberry sauce over turkey and stuffing instead of meat-based gravy to decrease calories and perhaps help fight that impending cold at the same time.

Drink plenty of water

Alcohol and coffee can dehydrate your body. Drink calorie-free water to help fill up your stomach and keep you hydrated. Drink plenty of water before and during the meal, instead of high-calorie, high-sugar beverages. This will help to keep you full without adding calories. And if you want beer, wine, soft drinks, or other beverages that can have high calorie counts, have just one and then switch to sparkling water with a dash of fruit juice.

Portion control

First of all, decide on the amount of food.

you're going to eat. Fill your plate half with vegetables, one quarter with a lean meat and the rest with a grain or starch of your choice. You can eat everything offered at Thanksgiving; just try everything in small amounts. All the different flavors will actually trick your body into thinking it is more satisfied without feeling deprived.

Don't feast too fast

Eat slowly and stop when you are full. Take the time to stop and enjoy your loved ones instead of stuffing your face with buttery mashed potatoes. Remember the point of getting together with your family isn't just all the yummy food. Focus on your family and friends and all of the other things you can be thankful for. Also, enjoy the flavors and textures of the food. It will really help you feel fuller faster because it takes time for your brain to register the food that's in your stomach.

Desserts

No one can pass up dessert on a day like Thanksgiving, but you can go for the healthiest option of something sweet. Neither pecan pie nor pumpkin pies are low-calorie, low-fat desserts, but your best bet would be the pumpkin pie. One slice of homemade pecan pie has around 500 calories and a slice of pumpkin pie has 300. Pumpkin pie is lower in calories, and an excellent source of vitamin A, calcium and iron. By not eating all of the crust, you cut out a lot of fat without losing the flavor.

Indulge responsibly and enjoy your turkey day! Gobble, gobble!

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Give thanks through food

In the era of skinny jeans and endless summer weather, being healthy seems to be the newest trend.

Everywhere I go people are lacing up their jogging shoes and laying out their yoga mats, testing out the trendiest and most effective way to shed pounds.

It has gotten to be such a coming fad that even magazines and television stations are changing their customer outreach plans to fit healthier lifestyles.

As I was going about my bi-weekly shopping routine at the grocery store I stopped by the magazine aisle — a habit I can't resist — and I picked up the three that interested me the most.

When I got home I started my journey through the 143 pages of how-tos and the hottest trends; I noticed that every section focused on how to beat the holiday weight gain.

The articles covered every topic between "How to Full Proof Your Thanksgiving Feast from Fat," to "Beating the Holiday Weight Before It Begins."

Now, it's understandable that these are valuable tips for anyone looking to add a little bit of healthy to their lifestyle. Not to mention, we all know how much easier it is to pack on a few extra inches during the beach off-season.

But it even goes as far as to tell you the perfect Thanksgiving Day workout and provides suggestions for "Turkey Walks" you can follow within your city.

All of this was recommended to take part during your actual feast time so you wouldn't consume as much food.

I decided to take these tips into consideration but not to count them as my holiday vow, however, until I turned on the Food Network the very same day.



STEVE KRISTOFF MUSTANG DAILY

What was the theme of the day? But of course: how to avoid calories, carbohydrates, saturated fats and cholesterol.

They might as well have called it "How to Take the Fun and Taste Out of the Holidays."

Now, I am sure if we could all afford a high-priced chef to come and cater our holiday parties then we would all have healthy and delicious in the name of a five-course meal.

Unfortunately, how many of us can actually do this? Truthfully, who even wants to?

Isn't Thanksgiving all about stuff-

ing yourself so full that you pop?

It is Thanksgiving, the tradition of celebrating through food to give thanks. We are supposed to pile on the mashed potatoes, stuffing and biscuits all just to smother them with freshly made gravy and that's just the first round.

This is our one time of year to eat like it's the end of the world and to ignore the five to ten extra pounds we manage to add on. It is our one chance to indulge in something we love guilt free.

However, seeing that this day in particular wasn't the one day a year I

could hide away the health-nut version of myself, I decided to head to the gym.

It could have been all the talk about working out and getting active but I like to believe I went because I would have anyway.

When I got to the gym a sign read "Thanksgiving Day Hours: Open Thanksgiving Day from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m."

This is where I had had enough.

It was all in my head, but that was the icing on the cake. First the magazines, then the Food Network, and now this, the gym's way of telling me to get my butt in there on Thanksgiving and work off my pleasures.

It wasn't a deliberate message but it was clear. If the gym's employees have to sacrifice a feast and time with their families to go I sure could make some time.

The sign should have read: "CLOSED Thanksgiving Day; go eat lots of tasty treats and forget about the treadmill!"

So why are magazines and the Food Network trying to ruin our fun? Could it be that the world has become so entirely health crazed that they are ready to sacrifice such traditions as Thanksgiving?

Now, I am a health freak to the fullest, but even I cringe at the thought of changing a perfectly fine holiday into another health day just like the other 364 days of the year.

To imagine my turkey stripped of all its delicious golden brown skin, pouring fat-free gravy (if such a thing exists) and eating jiggly Jello for dessert instead of pumpkin pie are chilling thoughts.

We must stand up, put down the dumbbells and pick up the turkey leg.

Megan Priley is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily reporter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shame on you, Cal Poly

Shame on you. Do you see this, Cal Poly? This is my fist shaking in your direction. Not only have you given me the privilege of going into debt over the past four-and-a-half years, you have rubbed salt in my wounds by having me pay for my graduation. I should not have to purchase graduation tickets to allow my friends and family share in this exciting milestone in my life. Thanks for sucking me dry. ARG!

John Lane

Mathematics senior

Thank you

Today I'd like to write in and thank the Mustang Daily. I complained earlier about the long lag time before letters to the editor would appear. This has since been fixed, and I notice that public discussion on these pages is flourishing.

I'd also like to thank the Daily for providing these pages as an opportunity for students to express their views. This public forum is invaluable to the intellectual development of the student body.

So thank you to the Mustang Daily and those who keep it running. I appreciate the service you provide to the school.

Troy Kuersten

Aerospace engineering/physics senior

Lessons Learned and the Girl With the Boots

Being a romantic idealist commits me to deliver this with meaning and truth: that I come close to heartbreak with the silence of a lonely midday meal. On this particular day, contrary to my usual reading, I chose to sit with a blonde, wavy-haired beauty.

Things always start well. From there it just depends how you choose to connect. And my trial was with this fair girl I just met.

As I sat on the round picnic tables at Campus Market, with her directly opposite, I began to blush. This blushing probably magnified my feeling of ineptitude and my plainly apparent thought — this was bad!

My attempts of communication were pathetic at best ... even as she smiled in her silent confidence I knew I could not bring myself to break the calm. Aware that I was kicking a dead horse, I proceeded to spill barbecue sauce out of my chewy tri-tip meaty delight onto my pant leg.

Through all of this she sat unaware of how I felt, her stylish white bug-eyed glasses hiding her eyes and her striped shirt matching mine.

As the seconds passed on I saw her pack her things and, uncomfortably, I left first in order to save face. As I turned the street corner I heard her boots clank, so instinctively I looked back and all I could manage to utter was a quick and awkward "see you around," fully conscious that these words contained a hollow truth.

I guess the moral of this is that it takes a lot more substance than the stare that David Coleman so highly praised.

Sean Anayah

Earth/soil science freshman

GUEST COMMENTARY

Life through a foreigner's eyes

I am a 2002 Cal Poly alumna in international business and still log on to the Mustang Daily's opinion section on occasion to see what is happening at my alma mater. This time I came across retorts to a previous day's column, "America: The Superior Culture," and was so intrigued I read the cited article.

At first I was astounded to read such a column coming from an international business senior, considering the major's curriculum is intended to raise cultural issues and empathy, thereby allowing us to function productively, and I daresay peacefully, in foreign countries or at least with foreign partners and subsidiaries.

But then I thought back to 2002, when I was planning on finishing out my international business degree with an AIESEC internship in India. I did all my research and read up on Indian politics and the various social challenges facing the country.

I was, like Mr. Taylor, high and mighty in my conviction that there were many things "wrong" with aspects of India and that I would use my top-quality education and critical thinking skills to lend whatever insights I could during my four-month stay.

What I realized within a week of arrival in India is that what I knew of the country was what came across through the lens of foreigners (i.e. Americans) in evaluating a culture such as India's.

See, here's the thing — what gets written about are the highly salient features. They are salient because they are unusual (as in rare). The other 99 percent of cultural aspects, which are part of the everyday fabric of one billion people, get very little mention because from the outside, nobody wants to know that at lunchtime the entire office sits down with their meals, sets them out for everyone to partake, and enjoys a camaraderie that I never thought possible in the workplace.

Or that when a foreigner gets on a packed rush hour train, he or she will get at least three offers of assistance in navigating the appropriate stop. These beautiful aspects don't reach the outside reader because they are so common that they cannot be debated or sensationalized.

It is five years later and I am writing this from India. I found the culture so beautiful and the people so often amazing, that I chose to live here rather than stay in America.

Yes, Mr. Taylor, Americans do emigrate out of the United States. And I have met several people from the "developed Western world" who have chosen to come here and live as long-term expatriates. I'm not saying that there aren't several aspects of Indian culture that aren't challenging at times; there are indeed many

problems. But they are also well known and well publicized, and efforts are underway to effect change. In fact, it is the publicity these issues receive here that makes me respect the place even more — there is very little NIMBY-type (Not In My Back Yard) thinking.

The point is, I am not upset with how Mr. Taylor characterized India, his mention of suttee which, incidentally, does still happen on occasion and is violently opposed by the vast

To read the original article titled "America: The Superior Culture" by Taylor Scott, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/36kkqq>.

majority of Indians even in the absence of the British or what I would term as narrow-mindedness.

Mr. Taylor is not to blame for having these "insights" into the non-American world. I was a liberal, politically correct and politically active student and found I also had the same prejudices once I was in a position to truly face myself. What I am frustrated with is our inability to recognize that what we tend to form our opinions on is already biased.

In India, while I often commiserate with some criticisms of the U.S., I also have to defend her because what reaches these shores depicts a nation filled with rapists, school children as gun-toting marauders and women allowing themselves to be videotaped having promiscuous sex.

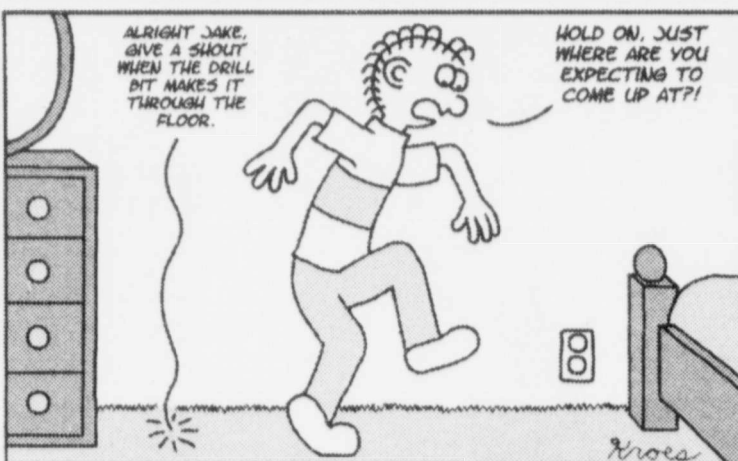
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- Across**
- Speaks, informally
 - Speak
 - Smokey Robinson's music genre, for short
 - de France
 - End of a hangman's rope
 - Love to bits
 - Bore
 - Have in one's head
 - and outs
 - The "I" in T.G.I.F.
 - Boar
 - Nap
 - "Golden" song
 - Ad-lib, musically
 - Sign before Virgo
 - Person performing an exorcism
- Down**
- Gives a stage cue
 - Honeybunch or cutie pie
 - Glowing remnants of a fire
 - Abbr. after many a general's name
 - Meyerbeer's "Huguenots"
 - Painting surface
 - Publisher of Cosmopolitan and Good Housekeeping
 - Boer
 - Before, in poetry
 - Baseballer Mel
 - "Maria"
 - Jimmy Dorsey #1 hit
 - Bohr
 - Actress Garbo
 - "Er ... um ..."
 - Old tennis racket string material

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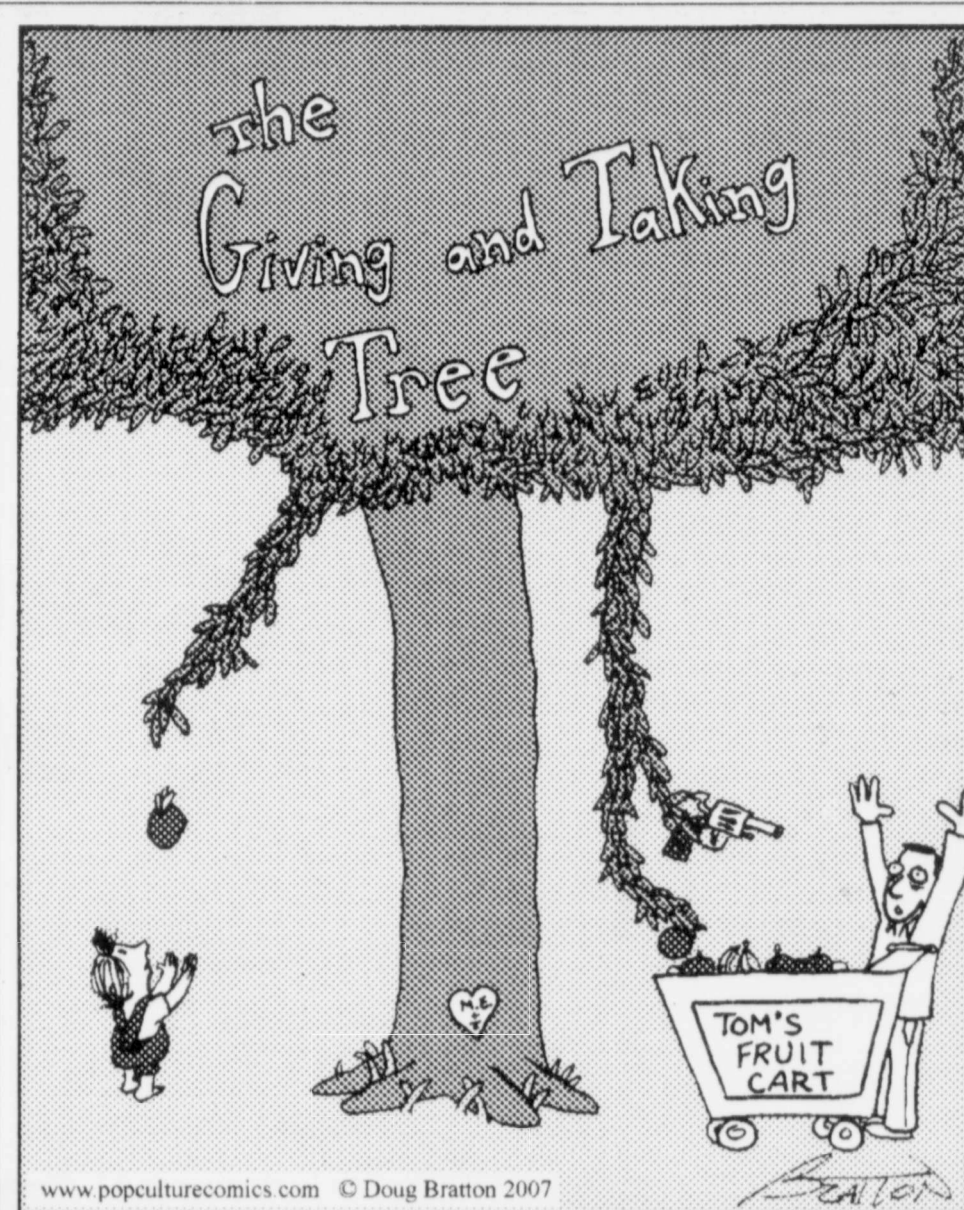
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- Hoops official
- Sticker through a lady's headgear
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Wrestlers win titles at Fullerton Open

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Chad Mendes (141 pounds) and Chase Pami (157) won their respective brackets at the Cal State Fullerton Open Sunday in a very strong showing for Cal Poly wrestlers. Arturo Basulto also took home a third-place medal for the Mustangs.

Mendes improved to 11-0 this season with a 6-0 day at Fullerton. Mendes won his first two matches by fall, one in 13 seconds and the

next in 36 seconds. His next win came by technical fall, 17-2, over Ryan Stirm, a Cal Poly wrestler competing unattached. Mendes then defeated Juan Archuleta of Sacramento City College 7-5 before besting Teddy Astorga of Cal State Fullerton 7-3 to take the title.

Pami won his first match of the day by technical fall, 17-1, and went on to top Nick Amuchestegui, a Stanford wrestler competing unattached, 9-6. Pami then defeat-

ed Cal State Fullerton's Devin Velasquez 2-1 to reach the final and upset No. 6 Josh Zupanic of Stanford 5-2 to win the championship.

Basulto fell 3-2 to Cal State Fullerton's John Drake in the semifinals, but went on to pin Mingo Grant of SIE (2:13) and win a 5-1 decision over the Titans' Matt Methling to capture third.

Cal Poly will see its next action at 6 p.m. Nov. 28 as the Mustangs head back to Cal State Fullerton for a Pac-10 dual.

Conference

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ther details.

Mustang women's basketball, on the other hand, has started with a 2-1, 0-0 Big West record. They're scheduled to play at UCLA at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"UCLA's had a tradition of excellence in every

team sport you can imagine and individual sports as well. Our team knows all about that," head coach Faith Minnaugh said.

Minnaugh expressed hope in disrupting the younger Bruins in UCLA's backcourt with the more experienced Mustangs.

"They're very athletic, they're very good, and we've obviously got our hands full hitting them on the road."

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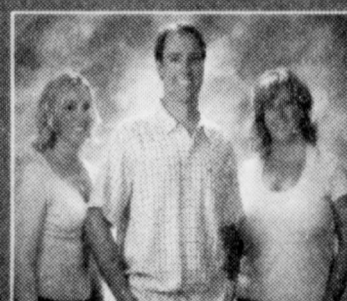
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Poly left in the cold

After faltering down stretch, men's soccer misses out on being invited to the College Cup as the season ends

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's soccer team's hopes of an at-large bid to the NCAA College Cup were dashed today when the selection committee announced the 48 teams for the 49th annual Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

The Mustangs were ranked No. 31 in the latest RPI standings and third overall in the Big West Conference behind UC Santa Barbara and UC Davis.

"This is a conference that deserves three teams in almost every year," head coach Paul Holocher said. "It deserved three this year. I'm really proud of this team — they're heartbroken right now, just heartbroken."

In his second season at the helm, Holocher has brought his team to an overall mark of 11-4-4 and a Big West Conference record of 6-3-4.

Winning 11 games this season is something that hadn't been done in men's soccer at Cal Poly since 1995, when the Mustangs made it to the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The highlight of the team's season was its 2-1 victory over defending national champion and current Big West champion UC Santa Barbara. The 7,143 fans in attendance broke the previous school record of 2,694, set on Nov. 2, 1996 as Cal Poly fell 2-1 against UCLA.

Although he was upset about the bracket results, Holocher expressed his aspirations for next season.

"I expect to win," he said. "I work very hard, our coaches work very hard and the players respond to that. We want to win Big West Championships and compete for national championships. It doesn't happen overnight, but it can happen."

Junior goalkeeper Eric Branagan-Franco said, "We aren't going anywhere. Coach Holocher isn't going to stop until he gets a national championship."



JANELL HUGHES SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Junior Cal Poly goalkeeper Eric Branagan-Franco, shown here in a 1-0 win over Cal State Northridge on Nov. 7, anchored the defense most of the year for the Mustangs, who finished in third place in the Big West Conference.

Cal Poly men's cross country takes 11th place in 10k at NCAA Championships

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Phillip Reid finished 33rd overall and earned his second consecutive All-American honor, leading the Cal Poly men's cross country team to an 11th place finish in a 10k race at the NCAA Championships on a cold and foggy morning at the LaVerne Gibson Championship Course Monday.

Cal Poly tallied 367 points to finish 11th, well ahead of their No. 22 national ranking heading into the race. Oregon won the team title with 85 points and Josh McDougal of Liberty won the individual title with a time of 29:22.4. The Mustangs were the second-best finisher from the highly competitive West Region.

"It was just an outstanding race," Cal Poly coach Mark Conover said. "It was probably the deepest field in the last 10 years. I told the team, if we can get five guys around 100th place, we can be in the top 15 and you don't have to be a hero to do that."

The Mustangs employed a similar pack running strategy at the NCAA Championships to what they ran at the West Regional race on Nov. 10. While Reid ran near the front for most of the race,

Troy Swier, Evan Anderson, Matt Johnsrud and Jeff Lease ran in a tight pack and finished within nine seconds of each other.

"I would say we moved from being somewhere around 18th to 20th all the way up to 11th in the last 2 kilometers," Conover said. "Those five really had solid races. Troy, Evan, Matt and Jeff finishing within nine seconds of each other — that's what got the job done."

Reid crossed the line in 30:32 and was one of the top 25 Americans to cross the finish line, giving the senior his second cross country All-American honor in as many years. Reid finished 21st overall in 2006 en route to becoming an All-American for the first time.

Although he was 33rd overall this year, Reid counted for 23 points toward Cal Poly's team score after removing the racers who competed individually. Following Reid was Swier (95th overall, 78th team score; 31:05.4), Johnsrud (109th overall, 87th team score; 31:10.6), Evan Anderson (111th overall, 89th team score; 31:11.9) and Lease (114th overall, 90th team score; 31:14.2). Joe Gatel (165th overall, 132nd team score; 31:39.0) and Leif An-



BRYAN BEILKE MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly men's cross country runner Phillip Reid (left) placed 33rd overall at the NCAA Championships Monday.

derson (222nd overall, 184th team score; 32:38.7) displaced for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs have finished in the top 15 at the NCAA Cross Country Championships four times. Cal Poly was No. 13 in 2003 and 2006 and had their best showing in 2004 with a 10th

place finish.

"We want to get it done over the 10k distance when it counts," Conover said. "These guys have embraced that whole philosophy. That's all it is, belief in each other — from teammates to coaches, knowing that you want to be able to run the best when it counts."

Ellerson looks to next year

Agnus-Dei Farrant
MUSTANG DAILY

The final scoreboards for Cal Poly football and women's volleyball regular seasons offer a breath of rest as the seasons change and basketball commences.

The 55-7 victory against Iona College Nov. 17 for Cal Poly football (7-4, 2-2 Great West) left a satisfying last taste for the 2007 season.

"It was a good year. We flirted with greatness," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "We were on the cusp of greatness but we weren't (quite there)."

Though the Mustangs showed improvement throughout the season, Ellerson saw particular growth from his fifth-year seniors.

Twelve players were fifth-year redshirts who participated in the past five seasons, which have held at least seven wins per season since 2003.

"Those guys played their best football in the last year of their career here ... it really says a lot about their character."

Though the Mustangs started the 2007 season with two losses against Texas State and Idaho, they suffered just two more in the following nine games.

The Mustangs look forward to training during the off-season that will lead into next year's season. Ellerson said they will base their future practices on what the players have learned from the 2007 season.

"Now the hard work starts," Ellerson said. "You still have to coach, still have to lift weights, still have to train, still have to practice, you have to be a little bit lucky and a little bit smart. Already you can start getting a little bit excited, as fast as that season was over you can start looking forward to playing the next one."

Cal Poly women's volleyball (21-7, 15-1 Big West) secured its second consecutive Big West Conference Championship this past weekend. The Mustangs are now qualified for the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

Junior opposite Kylie Atherstone has been offered involvement in the training program of the 2008 U.S. Olympic team.

"I got an invitation to try out for (what I think is) a training team because obviously the 2008 Olympics are coming up," Atherstone said. "So they want to make sure they got some talent to possibly train against the Olympic team or potentially be on the Olympic team, which would be the Cinderella story. I'll be going to those tryouts (in January)."

Atherstone has only received one e-mail concerning this opportunity and has yet to learn fur-

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